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TO : MEMO FOR THE RECORD

DATE: 19 December 1951

FROM : General Counsel

SUBJECT: Items for the Daily Log - 18 Dec 51 (Tuesday)

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2. Discussed with [redacted] the concept, function, organization and practice of the Covert Support Staff. Agreed with the concept and function as stated [redacted] earlier and as agreed upon with [redacted] While organization was not my responsibility, I suggested I felt a simpler system could be evolved which would be equally effective and more palatable to the covert offices. [redacted] was willing to accept my views but felt he could not propose them because of [redacted] known position on this matter. On practice, [redacted] and I disagreed only on the responsibility for drafting contracts. I felt the responsibility should be in my office although the lawyers and the Contracting Officer should, wherever possible, work together, and insofar as we could establish satisfactory forms or set provisions, we could leave the application to the Contracting Officer. I told [redacted] I would take these points up with [redacted]

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3. Mr. Wolf, [redacted] Mr. Corcoran and myself reviewed the known items of dispute between Mr. Corcoran and his clients and CIA.

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25X1 [] presented solutions item by item, most of which had
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by [] Other items were open for negotiation and figures
or action was agreed on by all concerned.

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LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON

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